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Title: **Method and Apparatus for Solid State Molecular Analysis**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2001.

**REMARKS**

Claims 56-65 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected claims 55-66 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent 6,123,819 to Peeters (“Peeters”). (It is believed that the Examiner intended to reject claims 56-65 and did not intend to include claim 66 because that claim is part of non-elected Group II) Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

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